

In the Claims:

The pending claim set is as follows:

1. (Withdrawn) An anti-microbial composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one anti-microbial neutralizing antibody, including therapeutically active variants and fragments thereof, and at least one anti-inflammatory agent wherein said neutralizing antibody and said anti-inflammatory agent are suspended in a pharmacologically acceptable carrier.

2. (Withdrawn) The anti-microbial composition of claim 1 wherein said antibody is an anti-viral antibody.

3. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1 wherein said composition comprises at least 2 anti-microbial antibodies, including therapeutically active variants and fragments thereof.

4. (Withdrawn) The anti-microbial composition of claim 1 wherein said neutralizing antibody has affinity for the F epitope of respiratory syncytial virus.

5. (Withdrawn) The anti-microbial composition of claim 1 wherein said composition comprises at least 2 anti-microbial neutralizing antibodies of differing specificity, including therapeutically active variants and fragments thereof.

6. (Withdrawn) The anti-microbial composition of claim 5 wherein said anti-microbial neutralizing antibodies comprise at least one anti-viral antibody and at least one antibody with specificity for an epitope found on a non-viral microbe.

7. (Withdrawn) The anti-microbial composition of claim 5 wherein said anti-microbial neutralizing antibodies are selected from the group consisting of antiviral,

antibacterial, anti-fungal, and anti-parasitic antibodies.

8. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1 wherein said anti-inflammatory agent is an antibody.

9. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 8 wherein said antibody is selected from the group consisting of an anti-cytokine, anti-chemokine, anti-interleukin antibody, an anti-interferon antibody, and an anti-tumor necrosis factor antibody.

10. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 8 wherein said antibody is anti-interleukin-6.

11. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1 wherein said anti-inflammatory agent is a steroid.

12. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 11 wherein said steroid is a corticosteroid,.

13. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 12 wherein the corticosteroid is selected from the group consisting of cortisone, hydrocortisone, prednisone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone, triamcinolone, betamethasone, beclamethasone and dexamethasone.

14. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one anti-inflammatory agent is a combination of triamcinolone and methylprednisolone.

15. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1 wherein the anti-inflammatory agent is selected from the group consisting of ibuprofen, indomethacin, acetylsalicylic acid and acetaminophen.

16. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of at least one anti-respiratory syncytial virus (anti-RSV) antibody, including therapeutically active variants and fragments thereof, at least one additional anti-microbial agent, and at least one anti-inflammatory agent wherein said anti-RSV antibody, said additional anti-infectious agent, and said anti-inflammatory agent are suspended in a pharmacologically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

17. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 16 wherein said additional anti-microbial agent is an anti-viral agent and said anti-inflammatory agent is a corticosteroid.

18. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 17 wherein said anti-viral agent is ribavirin, amantadine, rimantadine, or a neuraminidase-inhibitor.

19. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 16 wherein said additional anti-microbial agent is an anti-bacterial agent.

20. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 16 wherein said additional anti-microbial agent is an anti-fungal agent.

21. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 16 wherein said additional anti-microbial agent is an anti-parasitic agent.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a virus-induced respiratory disease in a patient afflicted therewith comprising ~~the administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 1~~ an anti-microbial composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-viral neutralizing antibody, including therapeutically active variants and fragments thereof, and an anti-inflammatory agent wherein said neutralizing antibody and said anti-inflammatory agent are in a pharmacologically acceptable carrier and wherein said composition is

administered systemically.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said disease is selected from the group consisting of respiratory syncytial disease, bronchiolitis, or influenza.

24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said antibody is Medi-493 (or palivizumab).

25. (Withdrawn) A method of protecting against a respiratory disease in a patient at risk thereof comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 1.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25 wherein said disease is selected from the group consisting of respiratory syncytial disease, bronchiolitis, or influenza.

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25 wherein said antibody is Medi-493 (or palivizumab).

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22 wherein said composition further comprises an anti-bacterial antibody.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein the anti-inflammatory agent is a corticosteroid.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~27~~ 29 wherein said corticosteroid is selected from the group consisting of cortisone, hydrocortisone, prednisone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone, triamcinolone, betamethasone, beclamethasone and dexamethasone.

31. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a virus-induced respiratory

disease in a patient afflicted therewith comprising the administering to said patient a therapeutically effective regimen of an anti-viral antibody and a steroid wherein said regimen is administered systemically.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the anti-inflammatory agent is a corticosteroid.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 wherein said corticosteroid is selected from the group consisting of cortisone, hydrocortisone, prednisone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone, triamcinolone, betamethasone, beclamethasone and dexamethasone.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the anti-viral antibody is administered in a dosage of 5 to 20 mg/kg body weight.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the anti-viral antibody is MEDI-493.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said steroid is administered in the dosage range is 0.5 mg to 50 mg per kg body weight.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said steroid is administered in a dosage of 10 μ g to 1 gram per kg body weight.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said antibody and said steroid are administered contemporaneously.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the antibody is administered prior to administering the steroid.

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40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the steroid is administered prior to administering the antibody.